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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY MEETING ON
JANUARY 25 - 26

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE FOR THE
SUBJECT MEETING.
 2. AUSTRALIA: U.S. DEL MAY WELCOME THE REMOVAL OF
RESTRICTIONS NOTIFIED IN ADDENDUM 8 TO TC (76) 3/23 AND
SEEK MORE INFORMATION ON THE INTENDED TARIFF REDUCTIONS.
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SPECIFICALLY, WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE REDUCTION AND
WHAT ARE THE NEW DUTY LEVELS?

3. PORTUGAL: THE GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE
REVIEWED PORTUGAL'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN DEPTH THIS
PAST NOVEMBER. THE U.S. HAS NOTHING TO ADD TO THE
COMMENTS MADE AT THAT TIME.

4. NEW ZEALAND: U.S. DEL MAY NOTE THAT WHILE WE
RECOGNIZE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS FACING
NEW ZEALAND, WE REGRET THAT IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY

TO CONTINUE THESE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES. WE HOPE THAT
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
TERMINATION OF THE IDS BEARING IN MIND THE CONCLUSIONS
OF THE GATT WP REPORT ON THE SCHEME CONCERNING ITS
TEMPORARY NATURE.

5. UK BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS: REFDOC (TC (77) 2/17) HAS
NOT YET ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. IF, AS WE SUSPECT,
ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AS PART OF HARMONIZATION
PROCESS WITHIN EC, NO COMMENT IS NECESSARY. IF MISSION
BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD COMMENT, YOU SHOULD TELEPHONE EB/OT/TA
(MEYER) FOR INSTRUCTIONS JANUARY 24.
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